WENT WITH A BIFF

Mysterious Explosion in the Store at No. 109 Division Street

FRONT BROKEN INTO BITS

John Blandon Sucrowly Escaped Death-Birge's Stock Radly Damagod-What Was It?

Last evening at 5:33 John Blandon, a ameter, was passing C.A. Birge's furni-re store at No. 109 South Division ture store at No. 109 South Division street when a terrific explosion occurred within the building and the glass front was shattered into smitheresea. Mr. Blandon's face was cut by the flying glass and the next instant flames of fire burst from the building. Mr. Birge was not in the building at the hime, and does not know what caused the explosion and fire. An alarm was turned in from box No. 312 and the department subdued the fire after a part of the stock had been burned. The damage could not be estimated on second of darkness. The building is owned by Augustus Barston and is insured for \$1,000.

City News in Brief. Will Corlag and Edward Stuart were on trial jesterday for stealing a wheel of fortune from the West Michigan fair grounds. It is probable that the case will be dismissed as Robert Minnis, who made complaint does not own the

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Engan of Cascade, mother of Mrs. John Caulfield of this city, will be held from her home at 10 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Engan has been a resident of Cascade for the last forty years.

Bob Hanna, who has handled cigars on the road for Cody, Hall & Barnhart during the last four years, has resigned and taken a similar position with the Star Cigar company in Detroit.

John C. Dunton yesterday sold the Parker residence at No. 86 Jefferson avenue to J.—e Puchout of Pennsylvania. The judge purchased it for his daughter, Mrs. Dr. H. A. King of this city.

A. den Braber of Thomas atreet and R. Vincker of Alpine avenue will leave tomorrow morning for New York, where they will take passage on the steamship Spasrudam for Rotterdam.

The New State Bank of Michigan has met with a marked success, especially in its savings department. The bank is open Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Superintendent of Police Carr and Captain Johnson are making the annual inspection of the patrolmen's winter clothing. The policemen will soon don their draw coats and black helmets.

The Rev. James Thompson of Macki-naw City has accepted a call from the Immanual presbyterian church on Mad-ison avenue, and will assume his charge within a few days.

The Moneman union, organized inst week, will be informally received by the Central W. C. T. U. at its meeting to-morrow afternoon in Good Templars' The burning of a chimney on the Fourth National bank building called out the fire department at 7:15 last

One man who is selling tickets for the charity concert sold \$5 work of tickets in the Machinists' union and \$5 worth in the Baker's union.

Street Commissioner Kniffin employed a large gang of men yesterday repairing a bridge over Coldbrook creek on Carle-

Elvin D. Swarthout was admitted to practice in the United States court yes-terday on motion of James H. Camp-

The Rev. Washington Gardner of Al-bion will address the afternoon meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building next Sunday. The Grand Rapids Pharmaceutical society will meet at Hazeltine & Perkins' drug store this avening.

If you would see a swell overcoat step into Gardiner & Baxter's. Extra long. full back, wide velvet collar. One case of books from Rotterlam was cleared at the customs house yester-day for Laan & Posthema.

The October meeting of the Grand Expirts Press club will be held at 7.30

this evening. The annual meeting of the U. B. A. home has been postponed until Octo-

The board of education will hold its October meeting next Saturday night. Born Saturday, September 30, to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Bandall, a boy. The city fax department will be kept open every night next week.

Personal Mention. Mrs. F. W. King of Duluth, Massa-chusette, who has been visiting her parents left yesterday with her sister, Miss Lizzie Sullivan, for the world's From there they will return to

Mrs. Mahar of Union street, Mrs. William Reirdon of Island street and Mrs. with of Port Huron left yesterday morning for the world's fair. E. F. Wright, formerly editor of the Ionia Sentines, but now in the tax de-partment of the amilitor general's office at Lansing, was in the city last eight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Younghlood and Allen Moyer will leave today for Charlotte to attend the marriage of their brother, Boyden Moyer.

Pater Doyle has returned from his visit to the world's fair and started for Ann Arbor yesterday gby resume his

P. H. O'Brien and E. C. Levenweeth will go to Detroit today to attend the annual convention of National funeral

Miss Annie Thomas of New Haven, Connecticut, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Downy of Fountain street.

Mr., and Mrs. F. L. Davis of Glouces ter, Massachusetts, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Davis of Fountain street. Adrian Johnson and daughters Mines Man, Josep and Addie, left yesterday morning for a visit to the fair.

Miss Bortha Reeves of No. 251 Shel-don attrect left yesterday morning for a ten days visit at the fair.

Mrs. J. M. Bradford and son of James street leave this morning for a visit of days at the world's fair.

Lawrence S. Ashley, Ernest Carr and Charles Emerson are spending a few days at the world's fair.

Mrs. F. F. Soyder of Marshall is the great of her sister, Mrs. W. R. Laveland of Jefferson avenue.

Miss Josis Tilems of Milwankee is the next of Miss Nellis Pairs of East Grand

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Owwid have seturned from a ten days' visit to Chi-J. H. Johnson of No. 268 Jefferson.

evenue has gone to Chicago to visit the

James Pogh of Chicago is visiting hi brother, W. D. Pugh of Carleton street

Notes From St. Mark's Wednesday evening service and lec-ture will be resumed at 7.30 this evening in St. Mark's chapel, and at 8.30 the rector, wardens and vestry will most for

The Rev. A. Mead Surgess will con-uct the 2 p. m. service in the Tuetin hapei of St. Mark's hospital tomorrow.

W. C. T. U. school of Methods.

The Central Woman's Christian Tomperance union will conduct a school of methods during the coming winter and at each monthly meeting one of its members will read a paper on a certain branch of the work. This school has been devised for the instruction of the presidents and man been of enabling them to do more effective work in the W. C. T. U. cause. At the regular meeting tomorrow afternoon in Good Templars' hall Mrs. Cornelius will read a paper on methods for conducting mothers meetings. Much interest is being taken in the coming year's work and it will be made, if possible, more instructive than heretofore. The president Mrs. H. M. Moorman, will be at Dr. Moorman's office, No. 1281, Monroe street, each Saturday afternoon, where she can be consulted by members of the W. C. T. U. on any matters connected with the work.

In Need of a Champion. Superintendent Davis of the board of public works says it is too bad that there is not one man in the common council who will defend any board in the city. who will defend any board in the city. An aiderman gets up and makes the wildest kind of assertions about the board of health, the board of public works or the board of police and fire commissioners and no one contradicts him. Alderman Mahoney stated the other evening that the persons who are new asking to have the improvement of Plainfield avenue put over for another year potitioned for the improvement hast spring and did not complain about the grade line. He forgot to state that the first petition was pocketed so that there was no investigation in regard to the grade line. Had the petition been referred to the committee on streets there would have been a how! raised against the grade line before the first contract was let.

Grading High School Grounds.

Trustee Rowson, chairman of the board of education committee on grounds, began yesterday morning with a force of men on the job of grading the high school grounds. The men employed are those recommended by the charity organization, and the work will be done by men who hold a card issued by it. Trustee Rowson said yesterday that he hired fifteen shovelers yesterday morning and expects to get fifteen teams. Nearly tifty men applied for a job, but the city has pledged itself to employ none but those recommended and investigated by the charity organization, and he could not employ them. Trustee Rowson, chairman of the

Where Business Is Lively.

The Wilcox Heat-Light company, lo-cated at the corner of Louis and Campau streets, is one of the fortunate manufac-turing institutions of the city that is not affected by the duliness of the times. This is comparatively a new concern and manufactures heat, lights, oil stoves and gas radiators. It has been running thirteen hours a day for several weeks, and orders for goods are increasing to that extent that the demand exceeds the supply. The company thinks it will be necessary to work additional hours if its business continues to increase.

Grand Lecturer Clarke Expected. Arthur M. Clarke, grand lecturer for Masonic order, is expected to arrive in the city today to hold a school of instruction tonight and tomorrow night in the Lyon street hall. He will hold a school of instruction tonight for the chapter and tomorrow night hlue lodge work will be exemplified. Mr. Clarke was recently appointed by President Cleveland as consul to Port Sarnia, but he will continue to hold the position of grand lecturer. grand lecturer.

Course of Free Lectures.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of Grace church, corner Cherry and Lafay-ette streets, have arranged for a course of free lectures to be delivered the first Wednesday night of each month during we does day night of each month during the winter at the church. The first one of the course will be delivered this even-ing by the Rev. John Brewster Hubbs, on the subject, "Is Our Historical Eri-dences for Christianity, or Our Debt to Jesus Christ?"

Caught on a Grindstone

Garret Beneker, an employe at Butter-worth & Low's, ground the flesh from the fingers of both hands on a grindstone yesterday so that the bones were exposed yesterday so that the comes were expensed in several places. He was grinding an edged tool, when his hands slipped on the grindstone and the flesh was ground off in an instant, as the stone was running at a great rejocity at the time.

Woman's Auxiliary Meeting.

A special meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in the Young Men's Christian association building this afternoon at 2:30 to plan for making the bedding and also to transact some business which will be brought before the neeting. Every member is requested to be present.

Flight of Time.

City Attorney Taylor, in speaking of the sale of the water bonds yesterlay, said it reminded him very forcibly of the flight of time. He was appointed city attorney the next year after the bonds of 1873 were add, making his term of office holding more than nineteen years.

Garments for the Poor.

Mrs. N. J. Van Dine, superintendent of the B. B. A. gave 200 garmonts to the worthy poor last week. She has a good supply on hand but wishes house-keepers to continue sending cast off

Received Beautiful Statuary.

A beautiful statue of Ariadne and a pedsetal was received at the customs house yesterday from Leghorn for the Hon. Edwin F. Uhl.

FOR A NIGHT SCHOOL

Workingmen Out of Work Ask for Its Opening.

THAT THEY MAY ENTER THEM

Superintendent Chalmers Thinks the Schools Cannot be Opened Before November 1.

Owing to the large number of young men out of employment this fail it is requested that the night schools open earlier than usual in order that they may improve their time by securing an education. Many of them are ready and envious to began attending school now, but the hoard 2 squeation has not made proparations for opening the schools yet. When asked about the matter yesterday by a reporter for Tur. Hanald, Super stendant Chalmers said he did not think the hoard would be ready to open the eight schools before November 1, as no actic can be taken until the next meeting of the board which will be held Saturdey night. The matter will then be referred to the committee on schools, and it will be some time before it will be ready to report and have the arrang ments completed.

Commander McCabe's Decision,

C. J. Post, an active member of the local Sons of Veterans, received a circu-lar yesterday from James B. McCabe, commander in chief of the order, giving commander in chief of the order, giving his decision on an invortant matter that had been coferred to him. At the national encampment held in Cincinnati the age of eligibility was raised from 18 to 21 years. The question as to whether a member who had been suspended for non-payment of dues prior to the action of the late encampment could be rein stated by complying with the rules of the order, was referred to the commander for his opinion. In the opinion of the commander the law governing the admission of members applies to all persons and an applicant for reinstatement cannot be admitted under 21 years of age, notwithstanding his former membership.

New Corporations.

Lansino, Mich., Oct. 3.—During the past week the following corporations filed articles of association with the secretary of state: Buchanan screen works, Hillsdale, \$40,000; Muskegon Publishing company, Muskegon, \$10,000; Saginaw Brewing company, Seginaw, \$5,000; the Dryden-Amien-Rose Clock company, Grand Rapids, \$25,000; The Fair Clothing company, Ludington, \$5,000; Detroit Grand Rapids, \$25,000; The Fair Cloth-ing company, Ludington, \$5,000; Detroit Jockey club, capital increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000; Weeks Collar Manu-facturing company, Jackson, \$50,000; the J. S. Stephenson Carriage company, Port Huron \$5,000; the Anderson Manu-facturing company, Port Huron, \$5,000; Escanaba & Gladstone Transportation company, Escanaba, \$50,000; Green Lake Park association, Dorr, \$700.

Adrian Man's Luck.

Adrian, Mich., Oct. 3.—Ex-Alderman B. S. Barnes, formerly president of the Adrian furniture factory and several years ago an unsuccessful candidate for mayor here has been unanimously chosen mayor of Ponca, one of the new towns of the Cherokee strip. He was invested with power to appoint all city officers and named John W. Dalton of Madison, for several years chairman of the Lenawee county board of supervisors and a member of the legislature, city treasurer. Both are republicans. treasurer. Both are republicans.

Sours Lyon, Mich., Oct. 3.—The ele-vator and contents belonging to J. E. Just & Company, bankers here and at Ionia, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. It is not definitely known how the conflagration started, but it is thought it commenced in the engine room. The loss is estimated at about \$8,000. Insurance unknown.

Robbed of \$000.

COLUMNIAVILLE, Mich., Oct. 3.—The jewelry store of W. J. Till was broken into by burglars Monday night and about \$600 worthy of watches, jewelry and silver were taken. C. W. Vermiller lya's store, in the same building, was visited, and a lot of pocket knives and razors taken. The thieves effected an entrance through the back window.

State News in Brief.

An unknown man held up C. D. Law-ton, agent for the Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon railroad at Pempeli Sunday night and robbed him of \$10.

Deputy Game Wardens Foard and Rivard made a trip through Alger county last week and bagged three dogs that were chasing deer.

The Citizens Exchange bank of Au Sable will be consolidated with the Iosco County Savings bank of that

A furniture factory to cost \$30,000 and employing 150 men will be removed to Holland on payment of a bonus of \$3,-

Dr. Charles S. Mack succeeds Dr. D. A. MacLachian as secretary of the homeopathic department at Ann Arbor. S. F. Gould of Maple Valley has a corn stock twelve feet, six inches high, with an ear seven feet from the roots.

An iron mine has been discovered near Iron River that even at the surface as-says 70 per cent of the metal.

The old Capitol Wagon company plant in Lansing will be occupied with the bending works of Pratt Bros. L. S. Dunham of Concord has recently

imported seventy-five Shropshire sheep Dr. Taylor of Bancroft has a team of tretting dogs that made a half mile in

Counterfoits of the new quarters are out at Ressemer. They are imperfect in

gational churches will meet at Alamo October 17. The Ralamazoo Association of Congre-The house of John Poppies of Fra-mont was burned Monday with all its

The barn attached to L. Knickerbocker's hotel at Maple Rapide, was destroyed

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



by fire Saturday night, and in it were-to-messed a large quentity of hay and

Boy Josephso E. Bichards, paster of the Mt. Clemens prosbyterian church, is

The crop of butterouts along the Kal-

Ex-Gov. Alpheus Felch of Ann Arbor has just celebrated his 89th birthday. Tweatieth Michigan infantry will hold a reunion in Jackson next Tuesday.

Two Lansing printers have started for Florida in an 18 foot clinker bont. Vicksburg's G. A. R. and W. R. C. have erected a soldiers' monument. Twenty-five carloads of hay are being shipped daily from Orisville.

linars are unusually pleatiful in Mont-The street lighting cost Jackson \$1,-\$72.10 for September.

Postmaster John F. Nestell of Man-hester is dead. The Mason high school has seventy-

nine pupils.
Finisy races will take place October 18 and 10. Potatoes are 50 cents a bushel in

Mathodists are to build a church at Dryden has an apple evaporating fac-

Brooklyn is to have a bank.

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 2, 1893.

The nonual meeting of the stockholders of the Wallin Leather Co. for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before them will be held at the office of the company in the city of Grand Rapids on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1893, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

VAN A. WALLIN, Sec'y.

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C. & W. M.

Excursions to Chicago. Oct. 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 27 the C. & W. M. Railwayy will sell tickets to Chicago and return, good ten days, at \$5.40, all rail, and \$5.30 via St. Joe and boat. These tickets are not good in parlor or sleeping cars. October 9th will be "Chicago Day," when the greatest celebration of the year will be held. "Phone 1304 or 1168-2 R. for full information.

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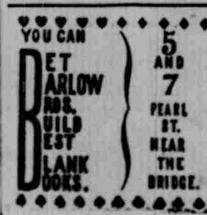


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